

VZCZCXRO9672
RR RUEHFL RUEHKW RUEHLA RUEHROV RUEHSR
DE RUEHNC #0853 3050523
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
R 310523Z OCT 08
FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 9279
INFO RUEHZL/EUROPEAN POLITICAL COLLECTIVE
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK 1250
RUEHBS/USEU BRUSSELS
RUEHVI/AMEMBASSY VIENNA 0535

C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 000853

SIPDIS

DEPARMENT FOR ISN/RA: RITA MONGIELLO

E.O. 12958: DECL: 10/29/2018
TAGS: [AORC](#) [MNUC](#) [TRGY](#) [CY](#)
SUBJECT: CYPRUS NOT INVITED TO IRANIAN CONFERENCE

REF: A. SECSTATE 112229
[1](#)B. 07 NICOSIA 340

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Jonathan Cohen, Reasons 1.4 (b),
(d)

[1](#)1. (C) Seeking to discourage Cyprus's attendance at the Iran-hosted "First International Conference on Nuclear Power Plants, Environment, and Sustainable Development," the Embassy on October 27 delivered Ref A non-paper and background information to Marios Kountourides in the MFA's multilateral affairs office. Kountourides responded October 30, noting the RoC had not received an invitation to the event. Should said invite come, he continued, the USG could be assured that the concerns expressed in the non-paper would be given fullest consideration.

[1](#)2. (C) COMMENT: The Cypriot Foreign Ministry does not always exercise effective control over its overseas embassies, especially its distant, smaller ones. Ref B relates how Cyprus's then-ambassador in Tehran ignored instructions from Nicosia and attended the splashy inauguration of an Iranian nuclear enrichment facility, embarrassing his government and earning it rebuke from fellow EU member states. While we infer from Kountourides's message that the MFA will not send a representative to the November 30 conference in Iran, its man in Tehran is unpredictable. Urbancic